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Warrant for Town Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1920.

WORCESTER SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas in the County of Worcester,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday, the fifteenth day of March next, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, six constables, a tax collector, an agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, one highway commissioner, a tree warden, an auditor, all for the term of one year, one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, two members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for the term of three years, and to vote Yes or No on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?"

ART. 2. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for

maintaining street lights, for highways and bridges, for exterminating browntail and gypsy moths, for salaries of town officers, and for all other expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what compensation the town will pay each member of the Hose Company for their services for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog found.

ART. 7. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 8. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to oil the macadam roads, raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 10. To see what salary the town will pay its tax collector the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to build a new school-house in Douglas Center, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1920, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for the repair of town clock, so-called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield public library.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to Lambert B. Simmons Camp 123, S. of V., for defraying expenses for Memorial Day.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate money for railing highways.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used for the repair of stone roads, under supervision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will vote to instruct its board of selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission under Chapter 155, of the General Acts of 1918 and to raise and appropriate the money required thereunder.

ART. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the care of Carter Square lot and the monument lot in East Douglas.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize its treasurer to give a deed of release in its name of title to the Annie D. Tillinghast land acquired by it for taxes August 11, 1917, or take any action in relation thereto.

The polls may close at 2 o'clock.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, and at the Post Office in Douglas Center, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

W. R. WALLIS,
W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of Douglas respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1919.

Orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$60,902.91, for the following purposes :

Schools.	\$17,623 30
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Highways

Ordinary	\$2,923 44
Stone.....	2,821 61
Oiling.....	1,375 15
Special	3,344 72
Railing.....	54 30

\$10,519 22

Poor	\$8,570 56
Fire Company.....	390 00
Street Lighting.....	1,749 96
Fire Telephone	43 51
Moth Suppression.....	374 20
Memorial Day.....	125 00
Library.....	300 00
County Tax.....	2,153 00
Debts & Interest.....	3,490 55
Notes.....	12,000 00
Town Clock	25 00
Tree Warden.....	271 25

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Overseers of Poor.....	\$180 00	
Selectmen	100 00	
Water Commissioners.....	100 00	
Treasurer.....	150 00	
School Committee.....	50 00	
Counsel and Clerk	50 00	
Town Clerk	121 05	
Game Warden	50 00	
Dog Officer.	20 00	
Registrars	60 00	
Forest Warden.	5 00	
Janitor, town and engine hall	60 00	
Board of Health ..	97 58	
Assessors	468 39	
Tax Collector.....	132 58	
	<hr/>	\$1,644 60

CONTINGENT.

Insurance	\$297 28	
Auditing account, 2 years.....	99 09	
Cattle inspection.....	73 50	
Meat inspection	79 00	
Printing	200 90	
Election expenses	120 25	
Douglas cemetery.	48 00	
Vital statistics.....	13 00	
Stationery	2 20	
Police	78 00	
Burial M. Pikander.	36 00	
Forest fires.....	21 69	
Expense treasurer.....	4 00	
Mowing cemetery.....	30 00	
Counsel, Mercier fire.....	50 00	
Care monument lot.	3 00	
Care watering trough.....	5 00	
Weights and measures	1 85	
Transportation, state.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,166 76

STATE AID 12 MONTHS.

James G. Adams.....	\$48 00	
Wellington Balcom	72 00	
Horace Belding.....	48 00	
Mrs. Ruth A. Bowdish	12 00	
George M. Church.....	72 00	
Mrs. Lizzie Cook	72 00	
Charles E. Greene.....	72 00	
Mrs. Ruhannah A. Marshall.....	16 00	
Chandler Titus	44 00	
	<hr/>	\$456 00
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		\$60.902 91

W. R. WALLIS,
W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Treasurer.

1919		Dr.
Cash on hand		\$11,750 95
Jan.	8 Court money	10
	17 Highway Commission, State Treasurer....	154 70
	28 Frank E. Jones, Coll. No. 18 Taxes 1917..	8 06
	Frank E. Jones, Coll. No. 8 Taxes 1918....	376 02
	30 Caroline M. Otis Fund, F. J. Libby Executor	50 00
Feb.	3 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company..	35 59
	10 Frank E. Jones, Coll. No. 9 Taxes 1918..	139 06
	14 Income Tax 1917, State Treasurer \$74 00	
	14 Income Tax 1918, State Treasurer 111 00	185 00
Mar.	3 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company..	31 64
	12 School Fund, State Treasurer	1,037 07
	26 State Treasurer:	
	Support Sick Paupers....	\$7 45
	Temporary Aid	150 00
	Burial of Paupers	21 00
		178 45
April	3 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company..	24 16
	License, Undertaker, Francisco Bowen...	1 00
	14 Court Money, Second District Court....	11 50
	17 Income Tax 1918, State Treasurer.....	37 00
	License, Butcher, T. E. Kelley	1 00
	License, Butcher, Thos. Murphy	1 00
	28 License, Pool, Amos Goodness	20 00
May	3 Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	6 37
	Interest Massachusetts Trust Company..	21 29
	5 License, Undertaker, E. E. Young	1 00

	7	License, Auctioneer, W. H. Herendeen....	2 00	
		License, Pool, Elmwood Club	10 00	
		Educational Independent Industrial Schools, State Treas	4 37	
	14	License, Junk, $\frac{1}{2}$ of price, I. Shor	25 00	
	24	Note No. 12, Massachusetts Trust Company	6,000 00	
	26	Frank E. Jones, Coll. No. 19 Taxes 1917..	8 15	
		Frank E. Jones, Coll. No. 10 Taxes 1918 ..	84 49	
June	4	Interest, Blackstone National Bank	2 88	
		License, Peddlers, State Dept. Weights and Measures	8 00	
		Interest, Msachusetts Trust Compnay..	7 56	
		Highways, Freight Refund on claim, N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	5 00	
		Frank E. Jones, Coll. Taxes 1917	7 50	
		Frank E. Jones, Coll. No. 11 Taxes 1918.....	94 39	
	28	Note No. 13, Blackstone National Bank	6,000 00	
July	5	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company..	5 10	
	10	State Treasurer:		
		Temporary Aid	\$354 00	
		Mothers with dependent children	284 67	638 67
	12	Court Money	18 14	
	18	Income Tax 1917, State Treasurer \$37 00		
		Income Tax 1918 State Treasurer 74 00	111 00	
Aug.	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	5 92	
	4	Interest Massachusetts Trust Company....	10 11	
	18	License, Circus, Lowande's American cir- cus	5 00	
	21	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 1 Taxes 1919	2,519 07	
	22	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 2 Taxes 1919.....	3,657 96	
Sept.	3	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	66	
	4	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company ..	3 21	
	8	Tree Warden, W. E. Carpenter.....	1 00	
		John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 3 Taxes 1919	150 49	
	9	State Treasurer		
		Tuition of Children	\$252 00	
		Compensation of Inspector of Ani- mals	27 50	279 50
	12	Board of Health, Belle Turner	5 50	
Sept.	13	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 4 Taxes 1919	\$2,171 10	

	20	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 5 Taxes 1919	1,435 55
	22	Contagious Diseases, State Treasurer...	22 00
	26	School Dept., Manual Training, Parent- Teacher's Association	50 00
	27	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 6, Taxes 1919	1,759 66
	30	Cemetery Lot, Whiting, Peoples Savings Bank	2 00
		Cemetery Lot, Scott, Peoples Savings Bank	2 00
		Cemetery Lot, Cummings, Peoples Savings Bank	1 00
Oct.	2	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	1 07
	3	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company ..	5 01
	4	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 7, Taxes 1919	1,840 57
	8	Poor Department, Town of Sutton.....	24 00
	11	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. '8 Taxes 1919	1,463 12
	14	License, Junk, 2nd payment, I. Shor.....	25 00
	14	School Superintendent, State Treasurer..	500 00
	15	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 9 Taxes 1919	2,358 39
		Oiling Roads, Hayward Woolen Company	45 31
	17	Court Money, Second District Court....	25 92
	22	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 10 Taxes 1919.....	2,588 76
	29	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 11 Taxes 1919	513 65
Nov.	3	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	7 89
		Interest Massachusetts Trust Company...	8 05
	12	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 12 Taxes 1919	329 21
	17	State Treasurer:	
		Corporation Tax, Public	
		Service	\$668 45
		Corporation Tax Business	12,659 34
		Income Tax, 1919 General	3,678 54
		Income Tax, 1919, School	
		Fund	700 00
		National Bank Tax.....	267 83
		Contagious Diseases.....	30 00
		State Aid	876 00
			<hr/> 18,880 16

	26	Town Hall, Rollin Mansfield	3 00	
	27	Town Hall, Medor Gette	3 00	
Dec.	1	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 13, Taxes 1919	323 22	
		Income Tax, State Treasurer, 1917,	\$37 00	
		Income Tax, State Treasurer, 1918	37 00	
			<hr/>	74 00
	3	Peddlers License, 1, State Commissioner..	8 00	
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company..	11 01	
	5	Undrawn Check, Worcester Trust Co...	3 40	
	8	Poor Department, Town of Natick.....	30 00	
	12	Schools Manual Training, High School Alumni	30 00	
		Schools Manual Training, Teachers.....	51 17	
	15	Town Hall, Womans Relief Corps.....	3 00	
		License, Butcher's, Edrastus Chase	1 00	
		License, Butchers, A. B. Simmons	1 00	
	16	Town Hall, Kenneth McMahon	3 00	
	18	Stone Roads, Hayward Woolen Co.	82 08	
		Highways, State Treasurer.....	\$2,500 00	
		Corporation Tax, Public Sev- vice, State Treas	4 12	
		High Schools Tuition. Special Cases, State Treas	348 28	
			<hr/>	2,852 40
	20	Town Hall, Fred Jette	3 00	
	22	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 14 Taxes 1919	354 78	
	31	John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Coll. No. 15, Taxes 1919	135 01	
		Income Tax 1919, School Fund, State Treasurer	75 88	
		Dog Fund, County Treasurer	203 58	
Jan.	2	High School Tuition, State Treasurer	\$110 00	
		School Transportation, State Treasurer	240 00	
			<hr/>	\$350 00
		Town Hall, Mrs. C. W. Holmes	3 00	
	3	License, Butcher's, Albert Belaire.....	1 00	
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company ..	12 74	
			<hr/>	\$72,419 32

1919		Cr.	
Jan.	30	People's Savings Bank, Caroline M. Otis Fund	\$50 00
Feb.	3	Selectmen's Orders, 2374 to 2382.....	2,379 50
	5	Court Money, Albert Dansereau	24 69
March	3	Selectmen's Orders, 2383 to 2389.....	2,182 18
	26	H. D. Mowry, Support Sick Paupers	\$7 45
		H. D. Mowry, Temporary Aid ..	150 00
		H. D. Mowry, Burial of Paupers	21 00
			<hr/> 178 45
April	7	Court Money, Herbert Hughes	5 56
		Selectmen's Orders, 2390 to 2402	3,784 73
	14	Court Money, W. H. Herendeen	14 76
May	5	Selectmen's Orders, 2403 to 2413	3,222 26
June	2	Selectmen's Orders, 2415 to 2419.....	3,672 52
	4	Court Money, G. Andrew Keith	17 76
	27	Frank E. Jones, Coll. abate-ments 1917	\$6 25
		Frank E. Jones, Coll. abate-ments 1918.....	34 57
			<hr/> 40 82
July	7	Selectmen's Orders, 2420 to 2433.....	6,690 72
	10	H. D. Mowry, Temporary Aid	\$354 00
		H. D. Mowry, Mothers with depend. children.....	284 67
			<hr/> 638 67
	11	Court Money, Herbert E. Hughes	5 26
Aug.	4	Selectmen's Orders, 2434 to 2440	3,176 67
Sept.	8	Selectmen's Orders, 2441 to 2451	4,322 76
	24	Whiting Cemetery lot, W. H. Herendeen	\$2 00
		Scott Cemetery lot, W. H. Herendeen	2 00
		Cummings Cemetery lot, W. H. Herendeen	1 00
			<hr/> 5 00
Oct.	6	Selectmen's Orders, 2452 to 2461	4,725 26
	8	Court Money, Albert Dansereau	\$6 62
		Court Money, Charles C. LaBrec	6 00
		Court Money, E. P. Heath	9 10
			<hr/> 21 72

		Poor Department, Town of Sutton.....	\$ 24 00	
Nov.	3	Selectmen's Orders, 2462 to 2473.....	15,390 61	
	17	State Treasurer:		
		State Tax	\$4,730 00	
		State Tax Special	283 80	
		State Highway repairs	212 50	
		Soldier's Exemption	2 21	
			<hr/>	5,228 51
Dec.	1	Selectmen's Orders, 2474 to 2485.....	4,291 86	
	8	H. D. Mowry, Poor Department, Natick..	30 00	
	31	C. J. Batcheller, dog fund to Library....	203 58	
Jan.	5	Selectmen's Orders, 2486 to 2508	7,063 84	
	7	Court Money, Herbert E. Hughes	\$6 60	
		Court Money, W. H. Herendeen	13 00	
		Court Money, G. Andrew Keith	24 06	
			<hr/>	43 66
				<hr/>
			\$67,435 35	
		By Cash	4,983 97	
			<hr/>	\$72,419 32

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1919	\$4,983 97
Due from John B. Chapdelaine, Sr., Collector, 1919..	773 38
Due from State Aid	456 00
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	\$6,213 35
In trust, Henry Whiting fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	141 91
In trust, Sarah E. Scott fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	59 64
In trust, Ezra Aldrich fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	124 89
In trust, Lucinda C. Reynolds fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	102 40
In trust, Caroline M. Otis fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot	51 13

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

February 24, 1920.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, Agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, Tax Collector and Overseers of Poor, for the year ending December 31, 1919, and find them to be in excellent condition, and all funds fully accounted for.

The Treasurer's cash was verified and found to be as follows :

On deposit in Massachusetts Trust Co.	\$2,955 58
On deposit in Blackstone National Bank	2,028 39
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Total cash on hand December 31, 1919.	\$4,983 97

AGENT OF DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS.

Balance on hand January 1, 1919	\$ 4 50
Received during the year 1919 :	
Interest	\$2,018 06
Principal	400 00
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	2,418 06
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Total cash receipts and balance.	\$2,422 56

All deposited in Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.

The total of the Fund is now \$50,321 96

DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance on hand January 1, 1919.....	\$ 11 70
Received during the year 1919.....	2,693 94

\$2,705 64

Payments during 1919 :

Labor	\$720 20
Power	997 65
Repairs	150 07
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	\$1,867 92

Balance on hand December 31, 1919..... \$837 72

The taxes are closely collected, the balance outstanding being about \$600.00.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.,

Accountant and Auditor.

Report of the Water Commissioners.

The closing of the town accounts on Dec. 31st, in accord with the state requirements, gives scant time for the superintendent to make all collections for the last quarter of the year and also get in all the outstanding bills due from the water department to that date. On Dec. 31st of this year, there were outstanding bills of \$412.03, and bills for water service uncollected of \$339.99.

In July last, water bonds Nos. 11 and 12 were paid, and Nos. 13 and 14 will be paid the coming July. The total issue was 42 bonds of \$1000 each.

RECEIVED FOR MAKING HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1919.

Feb. 17	To received for making house connections	\$59 50
April 17	To received for making house connections	15 00
July 18	To received for making house connections	24 00
		\$98 50

LABOR AND SUPPLIES IN MAKING HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1919.

Feb. 15	By paid Walworth Mfg. Co. brass and lead goods	\$68 08
Feb. 18	Express on pump repair parts	1 09
July 3	Harry Gamel, labor	11 00

		E. Paine, labor	\$ 12 00
		H. Correll, labor	12 00
Aug.	16	Rumsey Pump Works, repair parts	80 90
Sept.	2	Fred Nault, labor	5 00
Oct.	25	Carl Donaldson, labor	5 20
		Theodore Hall, labor	5 00
Dec.	22	Harry Gamel, labor	8 00
		Carl Donaldson, labor	2 00
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			\$210 27
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OPERATING RECEIPTS.

1919.					
Feb.	17	To received for water service		\$76 07	
		" " " "		71 78	
Mar.	30	" " " "		280 50	
Apr.	17	" " sprinkler "		18 44	
May	21	" " water "		108 50	
July	18	" " " "		336 63	
		" " sprinkler "		18 44	
	29	" " water "		125 93	
Oct.	2	" " " "		87 50	
	16	" " " "		293 00	
		" " sprinkler "		18 44	
	25	" " water "		119 50	
Dec.	23	" " " "		70 00	
	31	" " " "		951 60	
		" " sprinkler "		18 44	

		Cash income	\$2,594 77
		To 53 town hydrants, valued at	1,590 00
		Water for watering trough, library and bubbling fountain, valued at	200 00
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OPERATING EXPENSES.

1919.			
		By paid E. R. Correll, Supt.	\$660 00
		Wor. Sub. Electric Co. power for pumping..	987 90
		Wor. Sub. Electric Co. lights.....	9 75
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			\$1,657 65
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1919.

To received interest on deposits	\$ 67
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RECAPITULATION.

1919.

Dr.

Jan. 1	To cash in town treasury	\$ 11 70
	To received for making house connections..	98 50
	Water and sprinkler service	2,594 77
	Miscellaneous receipts	67
		<u>\$2,705 64</u>

1919.

Cr.

By paid labor and supplies making house connections	\$210 27
Operating expenses	1,657 65
Dec. 31. By Cash in town treasury	837 72
	<u>\$2,705 64</u>

WILLIE R. WALLIS,
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
HERBERT N. LOUGEE,

Water Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS.

1919		Dr.
Jan.	1 Cash on hand	\$11 70
Feb.	17 C. J. Batcheller, Commissioner	135 57
March	31 " " "	71 78
April	17 " " "	313 94
May	21 " " "	108 50
July	18 " " "	379 07
	29 " " "	125 93
Oct.	2 " " "	87 50
	16 " " "	311 44
	25 " " "	119 50
Dec.	23 " " "	70 00
1920		
Jan.	16 " " "	970 04
	Interest for year	67
		<hr/> \$2,705 64

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February	Water Commissioner's Orders 502 to 504	\$416 12
April	Water Commissioner's Orders 505 to 507	181 09
June	Water Commissioner's Orders 508	237 90
July	Water Commissioner's Orders 509 to 512	95 00
August	Water Commissioner's Orders 513 and 514	332 13
September	Water Commissioner's Orders 515 and 516	65 00
October	Water Commissioner's Orders 517 to 521	277 75
December	Water Commissioner's Orders 522 to 526	262 93
		<hr/> \$1,867 92
By cash on hand		837 72
		<hr/> \$2,705 64

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1919.

BIRTHS.

Whole number.....	65
Number of males.....	31
Number of females.....	34
	— 65
American parentage.....	11
Foreign parentage.....	47
Mixed parentage.....	7
	— 65

MARRIAGES.

Whole number.....	16
American birth.....	28
Foreign birth.....	4
Residents of Douglas	21
Elsewhere.....	11
First marriage.....	31
Second marriage.....	0
Third marriage.....	1

DEATHS.

Whole number.....	33
Male	17
Female	16
	— 33
American birth.....	27
Foreign birth	6
	— 33

Number under 1 year.....	8
Between 1 and 5 years.....	2
“ 5 “ 10 “.....	1
“ 10 “ 20 “.....	1
“ 20 “ 30 “.....	2
“ 30 “ 40 “.....	2
“ 40 “ 50 “.....	3
“ 50 “ 60 “.....	2
“ 60 “ 70 “.....	4
“ 70 “ 80 “.....	7
“ 80 “ 90 “.....	1
	— 33

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number.....	113
Males, 100 at \$2.00.....	\$200 00
Females, 13 at \$5.00.....	65 00
	————— \$265 00
Less fees 113 at 20 cents.....	22 60
	————— \$242 40

JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE, JR.

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Simon Fairfield Public Library.

1919.

Dr.

January 1 Unexpended balances as follows—

Due from town appropriation	\$100 00
Balance on deposit	89 26
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	\$189 26

1919.

Income for the year as follows:—

Jan. 20.	Received Savings Bank interest	\$76 25	
Feb. 5	Savings Bank interest	45 00	
Apr. 15	Int. on Liberty Bonds	90 90	
May 12	Savings Bank interest	22 50	
15	Int. on Liberty Bonds	127 50	
Aug. 12	Savings Bank interest	22 50	
Sept. 2	Town appropriation ..	200 00	
Oct. 15	Int. on Liberty Bonds	95 63	
Nov. 1	Savings Bank interest	22 50	
15	Int. on Liberty Bonds	127 50	
Dec. 31	Dog fund	203 58	
31	Fines	35 35	
		<hr/>	\$1,069 21
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			\$1,258 47
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1919,

Cr.

Expenses for year as follows:—

Paid Rosalie E. Williams, librarian.....	\$466 00	
Martha Belding, assistant librarian ..	14 00	
Herbert E. Hughes, janitor.....	92 00	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co....	26 12	
• Magazines	48 60	
Book	1 79	
Newspapers	18 00	
Supplies	6 49	
Removing ashes	1 50	
Accrued interest on Liberty Bonds purchased	47 81	
Accrued interest on Liberty Bonds purchased	7 10	
Subscription to Readers Guide	6 00	
Cleaning Library	10 00	
Wire for screens	5 50	
Library Club meeting	2 00	
Frank E. Jones ,coal	168 00	
Lamps	2 51	
		\$923 42
Dec. 31 Balance on deposit		335 05
		<u>\$1,258 47</u>

The increased cost of each item of the running expenses of the library, the past year, reached such an amount, together with the uncertainty of the amount to be received from the dog fund—which is not known until the last of the year—prevented the purchase of new books much needed, until the final yearly balance was known. A substantial lot of new books are now ordered and will soon be on the shelves.

The increased running expenses of the library, calls for a larger town appropriation for this year, in order to have new books so much in demand by the increasing number of patrons.

The endowment funds of the library are now invested as follows:—

In Registered 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent Liberty Bonds.....	\$10,500 00
In Savings Banks	<u>2,200 00</u>

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith fund	\$200 00
James M. Fairfield fund	5,000 00
James Smith fund	6,000 00
Arthur M. Taft fund	500 00
Winfield S. Schuster fund	1,000 00
	<hr/> \$12,700 00
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CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Annual Report of the OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

From January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1920.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas :

Gentlemen : The annual report of the Overseers of the Poor from Jan. 1, 1919 to Jan. 1, 1920, is herewith submitted.

Valuation of real estate 170 acres of land, house, barn
and sheds..... \$7,000 00

Personal property at Almshouse as per inventory :

Household furniture and provisions..	\$1,264 78
Contents of woodhouse, wash-house,	
fowls and grain.. .. .	469 45
Farming tools and wagons.....	406 45
One pair horses	300 00
15 head cattle.....	1,700 00
13 pigs	190 00
Grain in barn	210 65
35 tons ensilage	700 00
15 tons hay.....	450 00
41,000 ft. lumber on lot.. .. .	1,220 00
$\frac{1}{3}$ interest in engine, truck, blower	
belt and saw.	100 00
20 cords wood on lot.....	90 00
25 cords stake on lot.....	75 00
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	\$7,176 33
Increase during year 1919.....	\$1,520 70

We have made the Superintendent debtor for what he has received for labor, produce, etc., as follows :

DR.

Cash on hand last report 1918.....	\$ 10 10	
Received from sale of eggs.	279 42	
Butter and milk	1,599 25	
Fowls	108 05	
Calves.....	155 00	
Vinegar	21 00	
Meats	754 10	
Lumber	68 31	
Overseers and other sources cash.....	2,623 82	
Board	25 00	
Labor	31 62	
Miscellaneous	97 14	
	<hr/>	\$5,772 81

CR.

Paid for Groceries	\$75 87	
Blacksmith and repairs.....	136 08	
Medical attention and medicines....	215 39	
Live stock, pigs	162 00	
Fertilizer	5 00	
Meats and fish	344 12	
Laundry	77 01	
Labor	641 02	
Cash payments	1,768 70	
Home furnishing.	57 00	
Water system and wiring.....	884 08	
Lumber.....	68 31	
Electricity	57 48	
Miscellaneous	144 01	
Butter, eggs and fruit sold to store and credited on %	1,101 19	
	<hr/>	\$5,737 26
Balance cash on hand	35 55	
Less short on wood lot %	13 17	
	<hr/>	\$22 38

By authority and approval of the selectmen a small acreage of chestnut was cut and sold (partly) during the year as follows :

	DR.	CR.
Received from sales of R. R. ties	\$1,270 50	
Paid for wiring house and barn		\$299 00
Shingling		66 67
Plumbing		418 50
Carpentering		306 50
Shingles		34 25
Churn and 2 motors		158 75
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	\$1,270 50	\$1,283 67
		1,270 50
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This amount taken from cash balance as above . .		\$13 17
On the lot to be sold 41,000 ft. lumber, 20 cords wood 25 cords slabs, valued at		\$1,385 00

TOTAL PAYMENTS, TOWN ACCOUNT.

The overseers have paid the following bills at almshouse :

Salary of superintendent	\$960 00	
Cash for almshouse	1,888 67	
Groceries and grain	1,685 56	
Anderson bill, heating plant	885 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,419 23

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies	\$5,737 26	
Overseers have paid out as above	5,419 23	
	<hr/>	\$11,156 49
Supt. for labor, produce, board, etc.	\$5,737 26	
Increase as per inventory	1,520 70	
	<hr/>	\$7,257 96

OUTSIDE POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid No. 1	\$96 00	
2	162 25	
3	30 00	
4	106 00	
	<hr/>	\$394 25

MOTHER'S AID ACCOUNT.

Paid No. 1	\$741 00	
2	665 00	
3	400 00	
4	559 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,365 00

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Paid No. 1	\$312 00	
2	498 00	
3	88 00	
	<hr/>	\$898 00

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1919	\$217 52	
Received from Town Treasurer	8,570 56	
“ “ “ Natick	30 00	
“ “ “ Sutton	24 00	
“ “ State Treasurer	817 12	
	<hr/>	\$9,659 20

TOTAL PAYMENTS.

At almshouse	\$5,419 23	
Outside poor	394 25	
Mothers aid	2,365 00	
State aid	898 00	
Lockup	29 35	
Town Natick	30 00	
Town Sutton	24 00	
Miscellaneous	42 53	
	<hr/>	\$9,202 36
Cash in hands of Overseers	\$456 84	
Amount due from State	1,383 00	
“ “ “ Town of Oxford, 1917..	\$273 00	
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1918..	224 00	
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The following improvements have been made at the almshouse buildings during the year which have enhanced the value of the real estate very materially.

Water Works System.....	\$884 08	
Heating plant.....	885 00	
Electric lighting, etc..	457 75	
Corn crib and coolers.....	256 50	
Plumbing	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,883 33

Inmates at almshouse Jan. 1, 1920,

NO.	AGE	WEEKS	DAYS
1	91	52	1
2	45	52	1
3	67	52	1
4	64	52	1
5	61	37	1
6	74	37	1
7	70	11	4

Cost of poor at farm per week \$3.24 per capita.

OVERSEERS HAVE RECEIVED FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Henry D. Mowry.....	\$100 00	
Orlan F. Chase.....	25 00	
H. N. Lougee.....	25 00	
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HENRY D. MOWRY,
ORLAN F. CHASE,
H. N. LOUGEE,

Overseers of the Poor.

February 10, 1920.

The books of the Overseers of Poor have been examined and are found to be correct and the cash receipts and disbursements agree with the foregoing report.

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.

Report of Willie R. Wallis, Agent
ON THE
DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS
To the Town of Douglas

For the Year Ending Jan. 1, 1920.

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the town
Jan. 1, 1919, as follows:

Notes due the Town	\$1825 00
Accrued Int. on notes	129 61
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company and Interest	21,400 55
Cash in hands of Agent	4 50
Liberty Bonds and Interest	25,127 77
	<hr/> \$48,487 43

1919

Jan. 1	Cash in hands of Agt.	\$4 50
Jan. 3	Wm. H. Evans, on Prin.	50 00
	Wm. H. Evans, on Int.	8 78
Jan. 11	David Lunn, on Int.	30 00
Feb. 27	Ordeal Casey, on Prin.	100 00
	Ordeal Casey, on Int.	30 00
May 1	Interest R. I. H. Trust Co.	269 70
May 1	Interest on Bonds	500 00
July 1	Wm. H. Evans, on Prin.	50 00
	Wm. H. Evans, on Int.	10 50
Nov. 1	Interest R. I. H. Trust Co.	444 40

Nov. 17	Interest on Bonds	500 00	
Dec. 17	Ordeal Casey, on Prin.	200 00	
	Ordeal Casey, on Int.	24 00	
Dec. 30	David Lunn, on Int.	30 00	
Dec. 31	Interest R. I. H. Trust Co.	170 68	
		<hr/>	\$2422 56

Agent has paid out as follows:

1919

May 1	R. I. H. Trust Company	\$269 70	
May 26	R. I. H. Trust Company	500 00	
Sept. 26	R. I. H. Trust Company	283 78	
Nov. 1	R. I. H. Trust Company	444 40	
Nov. 17	R. I. H. Trust Company	500 00	
Dec. 18	R. I. H. Trust Company	224 00	
Dec. 30	R. I. H. Trust Company	30 00	
Dec. 31	R. I. H. Trust Company	170 68	
		<hr/>	\$2,422 56

NOTES DUE THE TOWN JAN. 1, 1920.

Maker of Note	Paid by	Principal	Interest
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey	\$200 00	
Frank Duval		300 00	\$36 00
Frank Duval		125 00	15 00
David and Amos Lunn	David Lunn	500 00	35 33
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	300 00	9 75
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		\$1,425 00	\$96 08

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in hands of Agent and Bonds	\$25,004 50	
Cash received during year	533 28	
Interest received R. I. H. Trust Co.	884 78	
Interest received on Bonds	1000 00	
Interest due on Bonds	127 77	
	<hr/>	\$27,550 33

Cash paid out during year:

Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	\$537 78	
Int. deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	884 78	
Int. deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	1000 00	
Int. due on Bonds	127 77	
Bonds	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$27,550 33

Notes due the Town	\$1425 00	
Int. on notes due the Town.....	96 08	
Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co. and Int.	23,823 11	
Liberty Bonds and Int. to date	25,127 77	
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	\$50,471 96	
Due Agent care 2 years	150 00	
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	\$50,321 96	
Value of Devise Jan. 1, 1919	48,412 43	
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Net gain for the year		\$1909 53

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, Agent.

Report of Tax Collector

TO JANUARY 1st FOR YEAR 1919.

The assessors for the year 1919, committed to me on the 23rd day of August the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of said Town of Douglas, the sum of.....		\$22,206 27
Dec. 18th, extra assessment.....		167 65
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		\$22,373 92
I have collected and paid over to the Treasurer of said Town in cash and abatements and interest. . . .		21,600 54
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Leaving a balance Jan. 1.....		\$773 38
I have collected since January 1st and paid to Treasurer in cash and interest.....		188 57
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		\$584 81

JOHN B. CHAPDELAINE, SR., *Collector.*

Tree Warden's Report for 1919-20.

Spraying

W. E. Carpenter, 65 hours at 50c.....	\$32 50
W. L. Carpenter, 55 hours at 50c.....	27 50
B. Aldrich, 17 hours, at 50c.....	8 50
L. Jette, 8 hours at 50c	4 00
Team, 27 hours at 25c	6 75
Whitin Machine Co. 100 lbs. lead	0 00

Setting trees

W. E. Carpenter, 18 hours at 45	\$8 10
E. E. Carpenter, 6 hours at 35c	2 10
5 Rock Maples	13 45

Removing trees

W. E. Carpenter, 24 hours at 50c	\$12 00
W. L. Carpenter, 24 hours at 50c	12 00
B. Aldrich, 24 hours at 50c	12 00
Team, 24 hours at 25c	6 00
W. E. Jones, 28 sticks dynamite	14 00

Pruning

W. E. Carpenter, 61 hours at 50c	\$30 50
W. L. Carpenter, 61 hours at 50c	30 50
L. Jette, 8 hours at 50c	4 00
B. Aldrich, 53 hours at 50c	26 50
Team, 61 hours at 25c	15 25

Supplies

W. R. Wallis, paint	80c
Brush	30c
Nozzle	75c
	\$1 85

W. E. Jones, 1½ in. stop	\$1 25	
2 hose clamps	25c	
1 key and fitting50	
1 roll tape35	
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		\$2 35
J. B. Chapdelaine, oil30
St. Andre, filing saw25
C. Wellman, automobile		1 50
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		\$271 90
Credited		
By cash per chopping-block		1 00
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		\$270 90
Discrepancy		65
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		\$270 25

W. E. CARPENTER, *Tree Warden.*

REPORT OF Road Commissioner.

WORK ON HIGHWAYS.

G. H. Dudley, 627 hours at 45c	\$282 15
2 horses, 259 hours at 40c	103 60
2 horses, 244 hours at 50c	122 00
1 horse, 508 hours at 20c	101 60
W. H. Dudley, 454 hours at 37½c	170 23
2 horses, 195 hours at 40c	78 00
2 horses, 44 hours at 37½c	16 50
2 horses, 294 hours at 50c	147 00
A. L. Chase, 213 hours at 37½c	79 87½
H. A. Peters, 14 hours at 37½c.	5 25
C. Dudley, 4 hours at 37½c	1 50
A. P. Dudley, 148 hours at 37½c	55 50
2 horses, 34 hours at 40c.	13 60
2 horses, 66 hours at 50c	33 00
H. S. Parker, 333 hours at 37½c	124 87½
Wm. Buxton, 129 loads gravel at 5c	6 45
Palmer Converse, 14 hours at 37½c	5 25
2 horses, 14 hours at 40c.	5 60
Palmer's man, 6 hours at 37½c.	2 25
Roy Kenyon, 75 hours at 37½c	28 12½
2 horses, 75 hours at 40c	30 00
David Lunn, 24 hours at 37½c	9 00
James Smith, 179 hours at 37½c	67 12½

Wm. Riley, 451 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	169 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
A. B. Simmons, 334 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	125 25
124 loads gravel at 5c.	6 20
H. S. Parker, 16 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	6 00
Elmer Kenyon, 51 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	19 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
George Snow, 51 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	19 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Edrastus Chase, 20 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	7 50
Chas. Generoux, 316 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	118 50
Phil Manning, 4 hours, at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	1 50
2 horses, 4 hours at 40c.	1 60
Herbert Ballou, 214 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	80 25
Henry Gamble, 48 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	18 00
Robert Lunn, 16 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	6 00
1 horse, 8 hours at 20c.	1 60
Mr. Signet, 9 loads gravel at 5c.	45
B. F. Aldrich, bill.	51 81
J. E. Singleton, bill.	45 00
W. H. Parker, 571 ft. plank at 35c.	19 99
Whitin Machine Works, grinding scraper blades.	1 00
S. P. Copp, repairs on scraper.	2 25
C. W. Goulette.	2 20
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	\$2,190 97 $\frac{1}{2}$

H. PETERS—HIGHWAY.

Henry Peters, 123 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	\$46 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 horses, 60 hours at 40c.	24 00
Louis Statta, 121 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	45 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 horses, 58 hours at 40c.	23 20
Chas. Bordeaux, 119 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	44 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chas. Dudley, 30 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	11 25
Fred Forget, 44 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	16 50
P. W. Peters, 48 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	18 00
Sol. Sweeney, 51 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	19 12
Frank Revoird, 19 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	7 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 horses, 19 hours at 40c.	7 60
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	\$262 92

ROY KENYON—HIGHWAY.

Roy Kenyon, 95 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	\$35 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 horses, 32 hours at 50c.	16 00
1 horse, 55 hours at 20c.	11 00

George Snow, 72 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	27 00
2 horses, 8 hours at 50c	4 00
Frank Snow, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	3 00
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	\$96 62 $\frac{1}{2}$

RAILING HIGHWAY.

G. H. Dudley, 12 hours at 45c	\$5 40
1 horse, 12 hours at 20c	2 40
A. L. Chase, 12 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	4 50
Wm. Riley, 12 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	4 50
James Smith, 12 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	4 50
Edrastus Chase, 12 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	4 50
Chas. Generoux, 12 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	4 50
Chas. Church, 1200 ft. cedar poles at 2c ft.	24 00
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	\$54 30

STONE ROAD.

G. H. Dudley, 184 hours at 45c	\$82 80
2 horses, 98 hours at 40c	39 20
2 horses, 136 hours at 50c	68 00
1 horse, 176 hours at 20c	35 20
W. H. Dudley, 234 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	87 75
2 horses, 98 hours at 40c	39 20
2 horses, 155 hours at 50c	78 00
H. S. Parker, 98 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	36 75
A. L. Chase, 98 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	36 75
James Smith, 90 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	33 75
Wm. Riley, 254 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	95 25
Edrastus Chase, 70 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	26 25
Chas. Generoux, 218 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	81 75
A. B. Simmons, 168 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	63 00
A. P. Dudley, 12 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	4 50
2 horses, 12 hours at 50c	6 00
Phillip Manning, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	3 00
2 horses 8 hours at 40c	3 20
Herbert Ballou, 144 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	54 00
Henry Gamble, 52 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	19 50
Will Buxton, 37 loads gravel at 5c	1 85
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	\$895 70

RESERVOIR ROAD.

G. H. Dudley, 64 hours at 45c	\$28 80
2 horses, 24 hours at 40c	9 60
2 horses 52 hours at 50c	26 00
1 horse, 72 hours at 20c	14 40
W. H. Dudley, 76 hours at 37½c	28 50
2 horses, 24 hours at 40c	9 60
2 horses, 48 hours at 50c	24 00
H. S. Parker, 64 hours at 37½c	24 00
A. L. Chase, 72 hours at 37½c	27 00
A. B. Simmons, 68 hours at 37½c	25 50
Wm. Riley, 52 hours at 37½c	19 50
Chas. Generoux, 64 hours at 37½c	24 00
Henry Gamble, 24 hours at 37½c	9 00
Phil Manning, 16 hours at 37½c	6 00
2 horses, 16 hours at 50c	8 00
A. P. Dudley, 28 hours at 37½c	10 50
2 horses, 28 hours at 50c	14 00
Wm. Buxton, gravel, 89 loads at 5c	4 45
Mrs. Correll, gravel, 6 loads at 5c	30

 \$313 15

COOK STREET.

G. H. Dudley, 36 hours at 45c	\$16 20
2 horses, 48 hours at 50c	24 00
1 horse 36 hours at 20c	7 20
W. H. Dudley, 48 hours at 37½c	18 00
2 horses, 68 hours at 50c	34 00
Chas. Generoux, 64 hours at 37½c	24 00
Wm. Riley, 52 hours at 37½c	19 50
A. B. Simmons, 20 hours at 37½c	7 50
A. P. Dudley, 28 hours at 37½c	10 50
2 horses, 28 hours at 50c	14 00
Herbert Ballou, 8 hours at 37½c	3 00
Wm. Buxton, gravel, 50 loads at 5c	2 50
Mr. Signet, gravel, 2 loads at 5c	10

 \$180 50

UXBRIDGE ROAD.

G. H. Dudley, 44 hours at 45c	\$18 00
1 horse, 40 hours at 20c	8 00

2 horses, 24 hours at 50c.	\$12 00
W. H. Dudley, 24 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	9 00
2 horses, 64 hours at 50c.	32 00
Chas. Generoux, 64 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	24 00
A. B. Simmons, 34 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	13 50
A. P. Dudley, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	3 00
W. Riley, 40 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	15 00
Herbert Ballou, 32 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	12 00
Henry Gamble, 24 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	9 00
Mrs. Buffum, 5 loads gravel at 5c.	25
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	\$155 25

NEW ROAD.

G. H. Dudley, 8 hours at 45c.	\$3 60
2 horses, 8 hours at 50c.	4 00
1 horse, 8 hours at 20c.	1 60
W. H. Dudley, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	3 00
2 horses, 8 hours at 50c.	4 00
Chas. Generoux, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	3 00
A. B. Simmons, 16 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	6 00
Wm. Riley, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	3 00
A. P. Dudley, 8 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	3 00
2 horses, 8 hours at 50c.	4 00
Wm. Buxton, 2 loads gravel at 5c.	10
Mr. Signet, 14 loads gravel at 5c.	70
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	\$36 00

G. H. DUDLEY, *Road Commissioner.*

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1919



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1920.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FRANK H. BIRD,	Term expires	March, 1920
HARRY L. STOCKWELL,	" "	March, 1920
GILBERT W. ROWLEY,	" "	March, 1921
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS,	" "	March, 1921
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,	" "	March, 1922
CHARLES L. CHURCH,	" "	March, 1922

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Chairman*

WILLIAM T. LOOMIS, *Secretary*

FRANK H. BIRD

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

C. L. JUDKINS

PURCHASING AGENT.

W. T. LOOMIS

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

THOS. P. RITCHIE

C. L. JUDKINS

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term—Dec. 29, 1919 to March 26, 1920, 13 weeks.

Spring term—April 5, 1920 to June 18, 1920, 11 weeks.

Fall term—Sept. 7, 1920 to Dec. 17, 1920, 15 weeks.

Winter term—Dec. 27, 1920 to March 25, 1921, 13 weeks.

Spring term—Apr. 4, 1921 to June 24, 1921, 12 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—Nov. 25 to Nov. 29.

Christmas vacation—Dec. 18 to Dec. 27.

Spring vacation—March 26 to April 4.

GRADES.

Winter term—Jan. 5, 1920 to March 26, 1920, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 5, 1920 to June 18, 1920, 11 weeks.

Fall term—Sept. 7, 1920 to Dec. 17, 1920, 15 weeks.

Winter term—Jan. 3, 1921 to March 25, 1921, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 4, 1921 to June 17, 1921, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—Nov. 25 to Nov. 29.

Christmas vacation—Dec. 18 to Jan. 3.

Spring vacation—March 26 to April 4.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 A. M. indicate "no-school" for the morning session.

The same signal at 11.45 A. M. signifies "no school" for the afternoon session.

The "no-school" signal does not apply to the high school.

Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1919:

Our expenditures for the year have totalled \$17,603.62 compared with \$15,552.02 for the year 1918.

We have felt it necessary to raise teachers salaries twice and expect to raise them again in January. Good teachers are scarce and getting scarcer right along. To get good teachers and hold them, we must pay good salaries. We have had a few changes. Miss Pearl Andrews, of the High School, left at the end of the school year in June. Early in the year Miss Florence Sweet replaced Mrs. Daniels, of the seventh and eighth grades of the Junior High School. Miss O'Connor, of the fourth grade, left us in November. Miss Mae Sullivan of Westport, Conn. takes the position in January, Mrs. Fairfield being in charge in the meantime. Miss Mildred Taft, of Uxbridge, has charge of music and Miss Mildred Christensen, of Worcester is our drawing teacher.

We have had a great deal of trouble keeping teachers at West Douglas, having had three or four changes in the past year. Miss Verna Sawin, of Holyoke, is the teacher in charge at present and we hope to keep her until June at least.

After considerable thought had been given to the subject, the Committee decided to open our High School in the Fall with a four year course. To do this and make the school successful, we felt obliged to secure another teacher, making a total of

three. A high school having a four year course with only two teachers, is not looked upon with favor by the State Board of Education. The cost per pupil of running our High School is so high compared with the average throughout the State that it would be prohibitive without the assistance of the State.

Of the pupils we transported to Whitinsville last year for the third and fourth years work, not one has returned to our school. For this reason we have had no fourth year class and some of the spare time of our teachers has been given to make the work of Miss Sweet, in the seventh and eighth grades, lighter. The non-return of these pupils and the fact that other families, whose interest is naturally in the town, are sending their children away for their high school education make one wonder if in insisting on having a high school we are doing the best for the children of Douglas. However, with three teachers instead of two, our high school cannot help but be improved and with the additional help given us by the State, by an act passed in July, the net cost to the town is not greater than formerly. Also we do believe that if the pupils in our high school apply themselves to the studies they have, they will not suffer any in comparison with the pupils of larger high schools, in those studies.

Domestic science in the high school has come to stay, we believe. This last year, with the very much appreciated help of the Parent-Teacher and the Alumni Associations, manual training has been taken up. Between \$150.00 and \$200.00 has been spent for tools and benches.

At South Douglas the number of pupils remains very small. It would seem as if the school should be closed and the few children transported, or the teacher should be engaged with a view to community work, in addition to her school work.

The people of Old Douglas have long wanted a new building and the Committee believe the present building with two small crowded rooms is inadequate.

We have spent very little on repairs the past year. In December we decided to put metal weather strips on the windows of the brick building at East Douglas. Only a part of the expense is included in our report as only a few windows were completed at first for approval. The remaining expense will be paid in January. The saving in fuel in heating the building will very shortly pay for the expense of putting in these weather strips.

Members of the Committee have for a long time wanted electric lights in the brick building at East Douglas but have always

been short of money for that purpose. Some years ago when a fairly successful night school was run in charge of Mr. Disney, oil lamps were used for lighting. The use of these lamps made it necessary to renovate the rooms used. Recently the Parent-Teacher Association requested the permission and support of the Committee in putting in Electric Lights. The Association reported they had a fund of \$50.00, with as much more expected. The Committee replied that funds for the purpose would be asked for at the annual Town Meeting in March. We are therefore including in the appropriations asked for, an amount sufficient to cover the expense.

We are this year asking for a very much larger appropriation than formerly because of increased teachers salaries, induced partly because of the difficulties in securing teachers and partly by an Act of the Legislature, Chapter 363, approved July 24, 1919. By this Act we expect a reimbursement from the State Treasurer of about \$6,000.00 this year because of our expenditures in 1919 and the present school year. This amount will be taken into consideration by the assessors when figuring the amount to be raised by taxation for the fiscal year 1920.

For other details of the school year we refer to the reports of the Superintendent, High School Principal and Supervisors of Music and Drawing, also to the report of the School Physician.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Chairman Superintending Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total amount appropriated by Town	\$15,000 00	
Total amount received from State	3,263 23	
Parent Teacher Association	50 00	
Alumni	30 00	
Teachers	51 17	
Town Fund	56 48	
	<u> </u>	\$18,450 88
Total amount expended from January 1, 1919 to		
December 31, 1919		17,603 62
Balance unexpended		\$847 26

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries	\$11,165 05	
Superintendent's salary	920 00	
Janitors	1,310 05	
Fuel	929 04	
General expense	538 13	
Books and supplies	875 06	
Repairs	346 79	
Transportation	1,249 50	
Physician	50 00	
Tuition	220 00	
	<u> </u>	\$17,603 62

Appropriations are asked for as follows

General expenses, including Superintendent's salary, expenses of school committee and enforcement of the law	\$1,200 00
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Expenses of instruction, including teachers' salaries, text books and supplies, and night school, also miscellaneous expenses in connection with the schools	15,100 00
Expenses of operating school plants, including janitors' salaries, fuel, and miscellaneous expenses in con- nection with operating school plants.....	2,600 00
Maintenance, repairs, etc., of school buildings.....	1,100 00
Auxiliary agencies, including health and transporta- tion	1,500 00
Miscellaneous expenses (sundries)	500 00
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	\$22,000 00

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS,
FRANK H. BIRD,

Superintending Committee.

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Douglas :—

I herewith submit my fifth annual report of the schools of Douglas, it being the eighteenth in the series of superintendents' reports of this district.

FINANCIAL.

Douglas received as reimbursement from the state during the past year \$3,263.00, which quite materially lessened the expenditures for the schools. In fact, the reimbursement was about one-fifth of the total amount expended. Next year in accordance with the provisions of the new law the town should receive about twice as much. Thus the actual cost of the schools will be less than this year, although a larger appropriation is asked for by the committee.

The following table shows how the cost of our schools compares with the average for the state:

EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOLS PER PUPIL IN AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.

1918	High. Elementary. All schools. Av. for state. Rank				
All sources	\$167	\$31	\$35	\$41	312th town
Local taxation	\$147	\$28	\$28	—	288th “
1919					
All sources	\$352	\$49	\$56	—	—
Local taxation	\$271	\$32	\$47	—	—

NEW EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION.

Besides the reimbursement act alluded to above three other important educational bills were passed by the last legislature.

The first compels pupils to complete the sixth grade of the public schools, instead of the fourth, as was formerly the case, unless they have sooner reached the age of sixteen years.

The second law obliges all towns and cities in which there are more than ten children who are mentally retarded three years, or more, to establish special classes for such children in September 1920. We may be affected by this law.

The third provides for the establishment and maintenance of continuation schools by all towns in which 200, or more, employment certificates have been issued in one year. As there were but sixty such certificates issued in Douglas during the past year the town is not required to maintain continuation schools.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Although the junior high school maintained last year in accordance with the advice of the state board of education was a success, many people felt that the town ought to support a regular high school with a four years' course of study, as it has done for many years, and accordingly a third teacher was engaged for the high school.

The pupils who were attending the Whitinsville high school not returning, and there being no senior class on this account, the high school assistants were able to devote some of their time to the seventh and eighth grades. This in any case would have been done by the domestic science teacher, as this work in nearly all schools covers the seventh and eighth grades as well as one, or more, years of the high school. For the same reason the principal instructs the boys of the seventh and eighth grades in manual training.

MANUAL TRAINING.

Owing to the efforts of the school committee, the parent-teacher association, and the teachers and pupils, funds have been provided for manual training equipment, and the work actually begun in one of the lower rooms of the engine house. This makes an admirable workshop, the only disadvantage being the distance from the high school building. Accommodations have been arranged for twelve boys to work at a time, the boys themselves are enthusiastic, and Mr. Holmes, the instructor, reports

that the undertaking is succeeding even beyond his expectations. As the boys become more accustomed to the use of tools greater improvement will follow.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

The domestic science course instituted last year is proving successful, and justifies its occupying a place in the school curriculum.

During the winter hot lunches have been prepared and served to such of the pupils of the school as are not able to go home to dinner, and this is one way in which the course has provided for a real need. The average number of pupils served has been twenty five, and on some days there have been over forty. Just enough is charged for the food to pay for the cost of the material.

TEACHERS' BOARDING PLACES.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to secure boarding places for our teachers. This is the case not only in East Douglas but in many other places. The scarcity of good boarding places has become such a problem that in some communities school committees are renting and furnishing suitable living quarters and putting them in charge of responsible matrons as homes for the teachers. This may be the best method of solving this problem in our own community.

I feel that this report would not be complete without a good word being spoken in praise of the Parent-Teacher Association, which has done so much the past year, and before, for the schools. Not only has the association been in sympathetic touch with the work of the schools, but it has also contributed generously and cheerfully towards their material needs. For this good work the thanks of the community and the school officials are due, and those of the latter are hereby cordially given.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT DOUGLAS CENTER.

This has, no doubt, become a hackneyed subject in the superintendent's reports, but the need is none the less pressing. It is certainly unwise and non conducive to health to house so many children in such restricted quarters as are occupied by the two schools at Douglas Center. The two rooms there which are occupied by the pupils of eighth grades are none too large combined for the pupils of one of these schools. If a really modern building, sufficiently commodious, were erected, with the

advantages which come from competition with larger numbers of pupils, permanent teachers, special instructors in drawing and music, with proper means of transportation, parents of pupils at South and at West Douglas would probably not be averse to having their children transported to such a school.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the school committee for their continued and cordial support.

C. L. JUDKINS,

February 2, 1920.

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed valuation, April 1, 1919.....	\$1,458,769
Population, census of 1915	2,179
No. persons in town between 5 and 16 years of age. April 1, 1919—boys 162, girls 270	432
No. persons between 5 and 7 years of age—boys 35, girls 32,	67
No. persons between 7 and 14 years of age—boys 111, girls 197,	308
No. persons between 14 and 16 years of age—boys 16, girls 41,	57
Illustrate minors, 16 to 21 years of age—males 16, fe- males 16,	32
Total enrollment in all the public schools during school year ending June 27, 1919,	414
Average membership for school year	385
Average attendance for school year	355
Per cent. of attendance	92.08
No. school buildings in use	6
No. teachers required by the public schools	15
No. special teachers	2
No. teachers graduated from college	3
No. teachers graduated from normal school	6
No. weeks high school was in session	40
No. weeks grades were in session	38
No. pupils graduated from high school	0
No. pupils graduated from grammar school	8

Attendance for School Year Ending June 27, 1919.

TEACHERS	SCHOOL	Enrolment	Under 5 years	Between 5—7 years	Between 7—14 years	Between 14—16 years	(Over 16 years	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	No. tardinesses	No. Dismissals
C. W. Holmes.....	High.....	14	0	0	3	5	6	12.08	11.01	91.14	123	7
Pearl Andrews.....												
{ Vera H. Daniels..		41	0	0	22	17	2	44.57	41.30	92.66	26	11
Florence A. Sweet												
Eunice L. Bufington	E. Douglas 6.....	32	0	0	26	6	0	27.71	25.70	93.40	7	5
{ Lovetia P. Chase	" 5.....	37	0	0	36	1	0	32.58	29.79	91.43	28	17
{ Agnes G. Sullivan												
Deborah O'Connor.	" 4.....	48	0	0	45	3	0	47.10	44.45	94.39	24	25
May C. Buxton....	" 3.....	46	0	0	45	1	0	44.98	41.46	92.17	18	18
Etta H. Johnson....	" 2.....	51	0	1	50	0	0	46.22	44.18	95.72	9	4
Mollie H. Kelley....	" 1a.....	50	0	13	37	0	0	45.34	41.20	91.14	0	0
Daisy E. Sweet....	" 1b.....	25	0	10	15	0	0	21.58	19.99	92.75	86	13
Gertrude M. Smith.	Douglas Center 4-7	25	0	0	23	2	0	23.19	20.69	89.96	28	20
Edith L. Anderson.	" 1-3	22	0	4	18	0	0	20.86	18.71	90.04	20	7
{ Julia F. Healey..	W. Douglas, Mixed	12	0	12	0	0	0	10.70	8.96	83.74	30	0
{ Myrtle L. Warner												
Gladys Norton.....	South "	11	0	1	9	1	0	8.09	7.09	87.64	17	3
Totals.....		414	0	41	329	36	8	38.5	354.53	92.09	416	130

**Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality
for Year ending June 27, 1919.**

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	East Douglas, 2	95.72	1	East Douglas, 1-a	.00
2	" " 4	94.39	2	" " 2	.05
3	" " 6	93.40	3	East Douglas, 6	.07
4	" " 1-b	92.75	4	" " 3	.11
5	" " 7-8	92.66	5	East Douglas, 4	.15
6	" " 3	92.17	6	" " 7-8	.16
7	" " 5	91.43	7	" " 5	.24
8	High	91.14	8	Douglas Center, 1-3	.28
9	East Douglas, 1-a	91.14	9	Douglas Center, 4-8	.35
10	Douglas Center, 1-3	90.04	10	W. Douglas, mixed	.51
11	Douglas Center, 4-8	89.96	11	So. Douglas, mixed	.62
12	So. Douglas, mixed	87.64	12	East Douglas, 1-b	1.15
13	W. Douglas, mixed	83.74	13	High	3.01
	Average,	92.09		Average,	.51
	Average for State	93.00			

NOTE—No record of tardiness is kept by the state. A higher tardiness than 1%, however, is regarded as unsatisfactory.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1920.

NAME	HOME ADDRESS	SCHOOL	GRADUATE OF	Salary per year	When appointed in town
C. W. Holmes	East Douglas	High	Brown University	\$1600	1918
Florence M. Bartlett	Cambridge	"	Wellesley	850	1919
Edith M. Baker	New London, Conn.	"	Conn. State College	850	1919
Florence A. Sweet	Douglas	East Douglas, 7-8	Rhode Island Normal	850	1919
Funice L. Buffington	East Douglas	" " 6	Douglas High	900	1892
Agnes G. Sullivan	Worcester	" " 5	Worcester Normal	850	1918
Mae M. Sullivan	Gilbertville	" " 4	Fitchburg	850	1919
May C. Buxton	Douglas	" " 3	Worcester	850	1916
Etta C. Johnson	East Douglas	" " 2	Douglas High	875	1889
Mollie H. Kelley	"	" " 1-a	"	850	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	"	" " 1-b	Symonds Training School	750	1916
Gertrude M. Smith	Douglas	Douglas Cent. 6-8	Middlebury, Vt. High	850	1900
Edith L. Anderson	Uxbridge	" " 1-3	Worcester Normal	800	1918
Verna Savin	Holyoke	W. Douglas, mixed	* Wheaton College	750	1919
Gladys Norton	Worcester	S. Douglas, mixed	Worcester Normal	750	1918
Mildred E. Taft	Uxbridge	Music	Mt. Holyoke College	†200	1919
Mildred Christenson	Worcester	Drawing	Mass. Normal Art School	†200	1919

* Attended without having been graduated.

† One-fifth time.

Report of High School Principal.

To the Supt. of Schools, Town of Douglas :—

I herewith submit my second annual report of the East Douglas High School.

During the current school year there have been three notable changes in school administration; the restoration of the 4-year high school, the hiring of a third teacher for the high school, and the introduction of manual training.

The first of these changes resulted from the unpopularity of the Junior High School experiment and the strong local sentiment against compelling boys and girls to go out of town to finish their high school education. This is highly commendable since there are so few who accept the educational advantages which their town offers, and those few could be sent to school elsewhere at a cost to the town considerably less than the cost of their instruction here at present. It is a loyal attempt of a typical New England town to maintain its dignity in the face of the adverse educational conditions confronting it. One of these conditions is probably only temporary, a result of the premium put upon the price of labor by the war. Only the ignorant can continue to discount education; time will reassert its value.

If the decrease in high school membership is due to an increasing proportion of foreigners in town, there is all the more reason why Douglas should maintain its high school. These foreigners wish to be good Americans, and they must be persuaded to send more of their children to high school. To discontinue the high school or to reduce its grade is to make a concession to threatening conditions against which there is a Nation-wide rallying at this moment of the forces that stand for Americanism. Our own State, as usual, is in the lead, and has come forward with two decisive measures to advance the cause

of education in Massachusetts; the law requiring children to complete the 6th grade before receiving employment certificates, and the increase of teachers' salaries. The Town of Douglas should not curtail the educational advantages offered to its children. The effort should be rather to stimulate more interest among pupils in the upper grades for high school work. This is the task of the teachers, and they should be aided by an organized effort on the part of the Parent-Teachers Association, working among parents to secure more good high school students. This organization, which has been so helpful in so many ways, might well adopt as its special mission for a few years, the work of influencing our foreign neighbors to send their children, many of whom are excellent students, to high school.

The restoration of the 4-year high school forced the Committee to hire three high school teachers, now required by recent State law for the 4-year high school. Since there is no Senior class this year, about half of the work of the 8th grade was taken over by the high school teachers, besides the manual training and domestic science in the 7th grade.

Miss Baker teaches domestic science in the 7th grade two periods a week of 70 minutes each, two periods of the same length in the 8th grade, and the two classes combined one period of 40 minutes. In the high school, Miss Baker teaches Freshman and Sophomore English, Chemistry, and General Science.

Miss Bartlett teaches United States History, Geography, and Arithmetic in the 8th grade, and French, Modern History, Latin, and Civics in the high school.

The principal teaches the Junior English, Bookkeeping, Typewriting, Algebra, and mechanical drawing.

Mechanical Drawing has now broadened into Manual Training, thanks to the persistent efforts of the friends of that subject. Last June the High School Alumni Association voted to give \$30 towards the purchase of manual training equipment; the Parent-Teachers Association had already voted \$50 for that purpose: the Committee then came forward with the balance needed for tools, which they bought. But there were only two work-benches, while a dozen were needed. Then, at a suggestion from the Superintendent all the teachers of the village schools united in a final effort, gave an entertainment, cleared over \$50., and soon six more work-benches were ordered. They are now set up in the room assigned for this work in the Fire Station building, and the high school boys and boys of 7th and 8th grades have all had several lessons there in tool work.

Although the attendance is so small in the high school, the few we have are indeed a faithful few. The first of the cardinal school virtues, regularity of attendance, has been exemplified in a marked manner. The average percentage of attendance through the Fall term was 97.75; for one month it was 99 per cent. There is every other indication that these boys and girls are interested, trying to live up to good high school traditions, and endeavoring to repay the efforts of a generous school administration which gives them a per capita cost of high school education probably the highest in the State.

C. W. HOLMES,

Jan. 10, 1920.

Principal.

Report of School Physician.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools :

DEAR SIR :—

Following is report of medical inspection of school children for year 1919.

Pupils examined	379
Enlarged tonsils	154
Defective teeth	113
Adenoids	7
Vaccinated	48

I examined schoolhouses and outbuildings before the opening of school and found them in excellent sanitary condition.

The poor condition of tonsils and teeth among the pupils is particularly noticeable. The parents have been notified in regard to this and I know personally of several cases where tonsils have been removed, and teeth cared for by dentists, showing that the parents are inclined to heed the notices sent from school, and to co-operate with the teachers and school physician in caring for the physical condition of the children.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. QUINN, *School Physician.*

Report of Supervisor of Music.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools :—

MY DEAR MR. JUDKINS :

In submitting my report of the work done in music in the Douglas schools during the first five months of the school year, I wish to state that the progress of the pupils in the grades has been, on the whole, quite satisfactory.

In Douglas town, in Miss Anderson's room, the children have learned an unusually large number of rote songs, in addition to work with the chart, and some board work. In Miss Smith's room we have attempted two-part singing, discussing the new technical problems presented in the advanced work. It is difficult, because of limited time, to give the same grade of work to the pupils of four different grades, especially at this changing period, but despite this obstacle, I feel that we have done some profitable and enjoyable work together.

In East Douglas, in Grade I, besides the imitative singing of rote songs, the children have worked with the scale syllables in preparation for simple staff reading, to be taken up soon. In Grade II, more difficult rote songs have been given, staff reading from the chart introduced, and the pitch names learned. In Grades III, IV, and V, we have given special attention to drill in reading, to the new problems in time and tune, to artistic interpretation of songs, and to the production of the light head tone natural to the child voice and essential to good quality. The pupils of Grade V are singing two-part songs. Grade VI is doing successful three-part work, and is well advanced in theory.

Our music period in the high school and grammar grades is chiefly devoted to chorus singing. In all the schools, during December, we made a study of Christmas carols, ancient and modern.

We are greatly in need of new readers, and may I suggest that as soon as a change can be made, that the first three books of the "New Educational Music Course" be introduced in the grades. We are using the Junior Song and Chorus Book of this series in the grammar school.

In closing I wish to thank you, Mr. Judkins, and the teachers for the hearty co-operation in my work.

Very sincerely yours,

Feb. 3, 1920.

MILDRED E. TAFT.

Report of Instructor in Sewing.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Supt. of Schools :—

Dear Sir:—The sewing class last summer numbered 29. The oldest member was 13, and the youngest 7, the average being about 10 years. The older class numbering 15, made aprons, pillow-cases and corset-covers; the younger class made bags of cretonne and pillow-cases. Five of this class finished the above and in addition made some princess petticoats. I wish to thank the mothers who insisted that the children do the work, and do it as directed.

An exhibition of the work was held in the school room of Grade II, Sept. 18th at 3.15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dec. 1919.

ETTA H. JOHNSON.

Report of Drawing Supervisor.

To the Supt. of Schools, Douglas, Mass.:—

Dear Sir:—The work of the early part of the year in the primary grades centered about Indian and Pilgrim sandtables, this making use of the child's easiest tool—the scissors. Later the work centered about designs applied to simple construction problems. We are now finishing free cutting of letters which we are using in poster alphabets, calendars, mottoes, etc.

The intermediate grades have had more accurate work in making paper furniture for a dolls house. This at Christmas gave place to the problem of a bird-shaped plant stick which they planned and colored. The lettering has had to be a drill for a greater degree of accuracy through attention to details, finally applied to door and store signs.

The upper grades have devoted part of their time to trees. The Christmas work was a butterfly flower-stick cut with scissors from thin wood. The work in lettering was applied in the designing and printing of "Your Flag and My Flag."

The next work is to be costume work through paper dolls and colored paper in the lower grades; and fashion plates and pictures in the upper grades.

The High School work has been posters and printing. The latter is now being used on problems in simple book-binding of paper and vellum.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED E. CHRISTENSON.

February 7, 1920.

RESULTS OF THE TESTS FOR VISION AND HEARING.

Number of pupils tested	405
“ found defective in eyesight.	33
“ “ “ “ hearing	8
“ parents or guardians notified	38

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT.

Number of cases investigated	86
“ absent on account of sickness.	60
“ “ “ “ truancy.	6
“ “ “ for other causes.	20

ALEX. JOHNSTON,
THOS. P. RITCHIE,

Jan. 1920.

Attendance Officers.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES.

Issued January 1, 1919 to Jan. 1, 1920.

Number persons issued Certificates		Number of Certificates issued.	
Educational (literate). . . .	64	Educational (literate). . . .	89
Educational (illiterate). . . .	0	Educational (illiterate). . . .	0
Employment	60	Employment	97
Summer vacation.	0	Summer vacation	0
Special home permits. . . .	0	Special home permits. . . .	0
Total.		Total.	
124		186	

Mr. C. W. Holmes has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates, and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Holmes.

MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

C. W. Holmes, Florence M. Bartlett, Edith M. Baker, Florence A. Sweet, Agnes G. Sullivan, Mae M. Sullivan, Daisy E. Sweet, Edith L. Anderson, Gladys Norton, Verna Sawin, Mildred E. Taft, Mildred E. Christenson.

SCHOOL BANNERS.

The School banner awarded for excellence in attendance and punctuality each month has been won for the past year as follows:

			Per cent. Attendance	Number Tardinesses
January, East Douglas, Grade 4			88.61	2
February, " " " 6			96.90	0
March, " " " 2			98.51	0
April, " " " 2			99.42	0
May, " " " 2			99.30	0
June, " " " 6			99.05	2
September " " " 6			97.94	3
October, " " High			99.37	8
November, " " Grade 6			99.57	5
December, " " " 6			96.60	2

HONOR ROLL.

Pupil neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for one year :

Margaret Brown, Dorumiene Thivierge, Catherine Kostka,
Marilda Le Duc, Levi Poirier, Norman Keith, Harriet Conrad,
Evangeline Dansereau, Ruth Sweet.

